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Parr's Park centre developing fast

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Parr's Park, the mammoth recreational centre planned by the Waitemata County Council for West Auckland, is developing rapidly.

The council decided about five years ago to develop the 74-acre block of land on Parr's corner, Oratia, as a massive recreational centre.

Work on the site began about three years ago and when fully developed the park will provide a home for almost every kind of sport (indoor and outdoor) plus a marae and facilities for picnicking and children's play areas.

The council hopes the project will be completed by 1978.

Parts of the park have already been leased to sporting bodies who will develop those sections. But the park will be open to the public at all times.

"There will be no exclusive areas. Any member of the public may use any part of the park," said the county's parks and reserves superintendent, Mr G. Haddo.

The council will develop playing fields, a large car park and the children's play areas. Already 15 acres have been levelled and grassed and there is still another 25 acres to be developed as playing fields.

Other developments include:

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which has almost fully developed its site.

- The John Waititi Memorial Marae which has completed site works and laid foundations for the first stage of its building — a dining hall and ablution block.
- The Waitemata Table Tennis Club has surveyed its site.
- The Oratia Bowling Club has no development under way yet.

The last area of development will probably be the swimming pool complex which could cost at least $¼ million.

"We are treating the pool as a separate project though the council is anxious to see a swimming pool built in West Auckland," said Mr Haddo.

About 10 acres have been set aside for the project but the council has not yet made plans for developing the area.

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